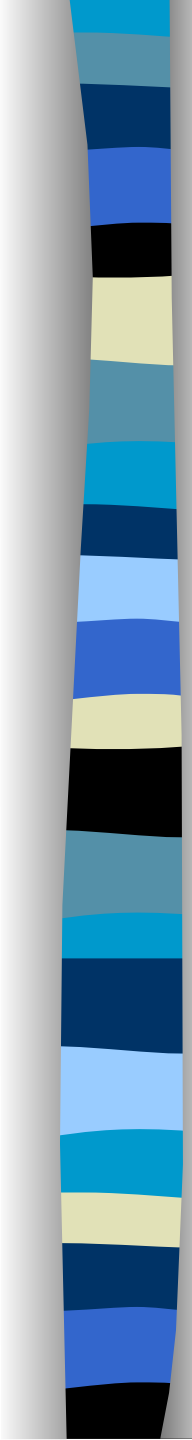


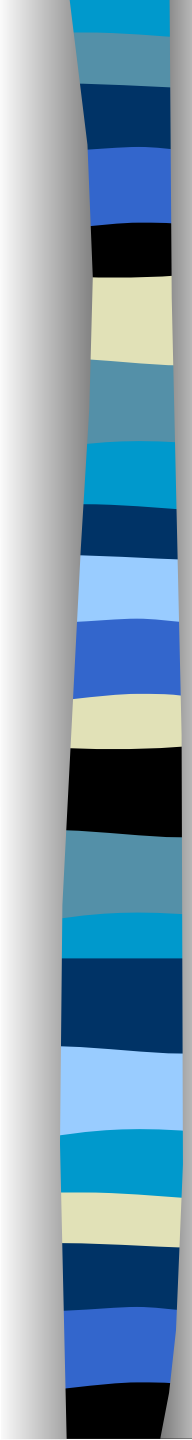
Marine Custody Transfer (MCT)

A custody transfer activity involving a marine tank vessel(s). Loading, discharging or lightering a ship or barge is a marine custody transfer



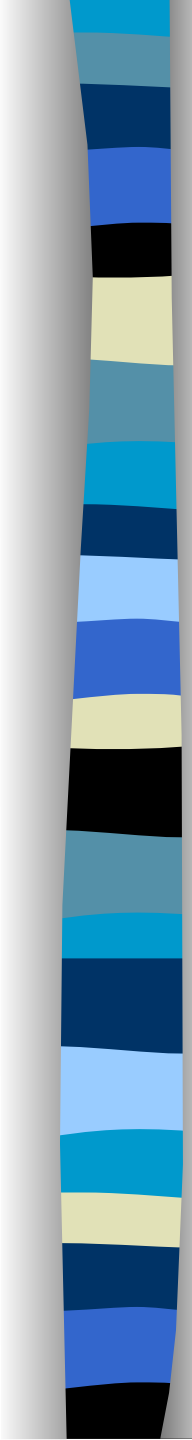
Barge

- A. Flat-bottomed boat designed to carry cargo on inland waterways, usually without engines or crew accommodations. Barges can be lashed together and either pushed or pulled by tugs, carrying cargo of 60,000 tons or more. Small barges for carrying cargo between ship and shore are known as lighters.
- B. A cargo carrying vessel, usually without an engine, towed or pushed by a tug. Small barges for carrying cargo between ship and shore are known as lighters.
- C. Also a term in sail racing - a boat which forces its way illegally between another contestant and the starting line is said to be barging.
- D. A river barge designed for the carriage of liquid bulk cargoes.



Lighter

- A. General name for a broad, flat-bottomed boat used in transporting cargo between a vessel and the shore. The distinction between a lighter and a barge is more in the manner of use than in equipment. The term lighter refers to a short haul, generally in connection with loading and unloading operations of vessels in harbor while the term barge is more often used when the cargo is being carried to its destination or over a long distance.
- B. To load or discharge cargo to or from another vessel. VTBL vessel to be lightered.
- C. An open or covered barge towed by a tugboat and used mainly in harbors and inland waterways to carry cargo to/from alongside a vessel.
- D. A general name given to a flat-bottomed craft specially adopted for the transportation of bulk cargoes.



Tanker

- A. A tanker is a bulk carrier designed to transport liquid cargo, most often petroleum products.
- B. Oil tankers vary in size from small coastal vessels of 1,500 tons deadweight, through medium-sized ship of 60,000 tons, to the giant VLCCs (very large crude carriers).

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